

HEAD BLOWN OFF.

J. E. BAUMGARTEN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

When His Children Returned Home from School They Made the Discovery.—He Left a Note for the County Judge to Take Charge of His Affairs.

Rockdale, Tex., Nov. 21.—J. E. Baumgarten, a man about 70 years old, was found dead in his room. He was a widower with two boys aged about 9 and 11 years old. His children, who were going to school, came home to dinner at noon and found the house barred up so they could not get in, and went back to school without dinner. When they came home again in the afternoon, the house still being barred, they told some of the neighbors of the circumstance.

An entrance was forced, and the father was found lying on a pallet on the floor with the top of his head blown off and a shotgun lying by his side. He left a note to Judge Grayson of this city, asking him to take charge of his affairs, and telling him that he would find his money in his trunk. The sum of \$12 was found with some deeds to real estate and other valuable papers. The Macons, of which society he was a member, took charge of his remains. Mr. Baumgarten had been doing a family grocery business for several years.

The Burt Trial.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 21.—The defendant in the Burt trial on being brought into court yesterday morning resumed his rigid and apparently unconscious attitude, sitting stiff in his chair. With his face inclined to the floor and eyes shut, he scarcely changed his position the entire sitting, spoke to no one, looked at no one, and when he moved the motion was very slow, as if in pain or extreme bodily weakness. Only for the moment when brought into court and taken out at the close of the session did he appear to fairly open his eyes, and they commonly rested upon the prosecuting attorney.

Great crowds of people assembled between the jail and courthouse, in the court yard, to see him pass. The crowds upon the trial increase every session. There were 200 ladies present yesterday afternoon, and the house was jammed full. It requires firmness to maintain order. The state yesterday afternoon completed its case and rested, having submitted all the facts relied upon to establish Eugene Burt's guilt. Briefly, as above stated, connecting the defendant with the deceased the last time they were seen alive, remaining in the premises where the bodies had been concealed in a cistern until he sold his household goods and packed and shipped the bloody garments and bedding to Houston, then taking his grips to the depot and leaving on the 11:30 east-bound International, traced as far as Taylor, brought back after arrest at Chicago, with the same grips and clothes in the grips identified as his, with marks changed, and the finding two or three days after the murder the dead in the cistern and identification of the garments found in boxes shipped to Houston as those worn by his wife and children. The defense opens its attack upon this showing.

Special Holiday Rates.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 21.—The Southern Pacific announces the following holiday rates for the holiday excursions to the southeast:

The Southern Pacific-Sunset route, on Dec. 21 and 22, 1896, will sell round trip tickets to all points in the southeast, good for return within thirty days from date of sale, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

For the holiday excursions tickets will be on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and on Jan. 1, 1897, from all points to all points in Texas, good for return up to and including Jan. 3, 1897, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

To Survey a Lake.

Orange, Tex., Nov. 20.—Major J. B. Quinn has called for bids for the charter of a sailing vessel drawing not more than four feet, fitted for ten men, supplied with bedding, for two months' service in the survey of Sabine lake. As no money is available for the continuance of the work on the jetties at Sabine Pass, it is quite probable that anything more will be done at that point earlier than January or February.

Counterfeit Money.

Kaufman, Tex., Nov. 20.—Counterfeit nickels are being extensively circulated about Johnson's Point, a few miles east of Kaufman. A man of some prominence in or near that community has been arrested and placed under bond by United States Commissioner Lednum for handling spurious coin. A few counterfeit silver dollars have been found in Kaufman.

Solomon Zeigler, who killed Sheriff Brooker at Sylvan, Ga., was acquitted recently.

Tragedy Near Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, November 19.—Sheriff Ben Cabell and deputies, with a posse including a large number of citizens of Lancaster, are scouring the county searching for two assassins.

I. A. Patrick, a resident of Lancaster, went yesterday to Bristol, an interior town, to haul an organ. Upon the return trip those living along the road saw two men in the wagon with him. When the house of John Ellis, who lives within a mile and a half of Lancaster, was passed, the two men were yet in the wagon. This was about 8:30 o'clock last night.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Patrick's team dashed into Lancaster, Patrick being found in the bottom of the wagon, dead, his pockets ripped and every evidence of robbery being seen. When this was learned the entire town was aroused and Sheriff Cabell was notified by wire. He left Dallas at once, accompanied by Deputies Lewis and Work, and a number of bloodhounds.

After it was learned in Lancaster that Patrick had been murdered, Deputy Sheriff Ledbetter and Constable Peacock started out in pursuit of the murderers. They secured evidence as they proceeded. When they reached the Ellis place they encountered a lone horseman who was leading an animal. The officers began to question the stranger, but he gave evasive answers. His actions were suspicious, and the officer remarked they would be forced to search him. Slipping from his horse the stranger remarked: "I'll be d—d if you search me," and followed the words with a number of shots. The two officers returned the fire as quickly as possible, and the short duel ended in the flight of the stranger. He went through a barb wire fence and disappeared in the darkness, leaving his horses behind. Deputy Sheriff Ledbetter was wounded in the shoulder, the ball striking his collar bone. Constable Peacock was wounded in the left thigh, the ball passing out and entering the thigh of the animal he was riding. Neither wound is serious.

The sheriff is still out on the chase and, being in the interior, where telephone and telegraph are inaccessible, nothing late is known.

Killed in a Wreck.

Washington, November 19.—A disastrous wreck occurred last night at Old Fort, on the Western North Carolina division of the Southern railway. The Chattanooga and Norfolk vestibule limited collided with a helper engine, which was backing down the mountain. John Howard, fireman, and William A. James, engineer of the limited, were killed. It is reported that Postal Clerk William Henderson, colored, had his leg cut off. Flagman Albert Houser, was slightly injured. The accident was caused by Engineer Terrell of the helper disregarding orders. Neither he nor his fireman were hurt. All the killed and injured are from Salisbury, N. C.

Tyler Bonds Sold.

Tyler, Texas, November 19.—The issue of \$85,000 second funding bonds, issued by the city of Tyler, were sold at par to Messrs. Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, recently. They were 6 per cent gold bonds, running for thirty-five years, with a 2 per cent sinking fund.

The city issued last spring \$35,000 of 3 per cent coin bonds, but, failing to find a purchaser, they were cancelled and the above bonds issued in their stead.

Mayor Sharp has been very energetic in his efforts to float this issue of bonds.

Weyler Resigns.

New York, November 19.—A private dispatch was received in this city last night from Madrid to the effect that General Weyler had resigned as captain general of the Spanish army in Cuba and that General Prando had been named by the government as his successor.

School House Burned.

Fort Worth, Texas, November 19.—The school house at Glenwood, a suburb of Fort Worth, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning between 4 and 5 o'clock. It was erected about a year ago at a cost of \$3000. The furniture, valued at \$600, and books belonging to the teachers and pupils, estimated at between \$800 and \$1000, were also lost. There was \$2250 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown and is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The trustees held a meeting there last night, but state that no fire was left in the building.

Safe Burglarized.

Caddo Mills, Texas, November 19.—The store of Street & Fagg, doing a general merchandise business at this place, was broken open Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock and robbed by drilling a hole in the safe and a sledge hammer breaking the combination of the safe. The thief got \$55 in cash and \$500 in notes. This was the second attempt made since last spring when some one entered the store by the front door and attempted to drill a hole in the safe and was frightened away by some unknown party. No clue to the thief.

KENTUCKY POLITICS.

BLACKBURN MAY BECOME GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

If Bradley is Elected He Will Probably Be Chosen to Serve For the Unexpired Term.—A Loyal Father Hails and Murders His Daughter.

Lexington, Ky., November 18.—It is rumored that Blackburn's supporters in the legislature will vote for Governor Bradley for United States senator, and that Senator Blackburn will run for governor for Bradley's unexpired term. It is said that should Blackburn find that the gold democrats would make an aggressive campaign against him he would be in favor of Major P. P. Johnston making the gubernatorial race. Gold democratic leaders here say that Blackburn shall not be governor if they can prevent it, but one of them admitted that it would be difficult to defeat Major Johnston should he become a candidate. The major, when first chosen chairman of the state democratic committee, advocated a conservative policy, but his advice was ignored and a bitter campaign followed. Some of the leading republicans and gold standard democrats have declared themselves against the calling of an extra session of the legislature, fearing a repetition of last winter's fiasco. They are also afraid to hold another election in the state next year for governor, owing to the surprising results of the recent presidential election.

Murdered His Daughter.

Cherryvale, Kan., November 17.—A German named Beckman has been hurried to the Oswego jail from the Bender settlement, north of here, to prevent being lynched for having ruined his 18-year-old daughter.

The crime was most cold blooded and unnatural. Yesterday neighbors found the girl in Beckman's barn unconscious and nearly dead. Her father, it is alleged, had ruined her and then beaten her into insensibility.

Later in the day she died and the facts became known. An angry mob sought to lynch Beckman. The sheriff spirited him from the town lockup, where he had been placed temporarily and hurriedly took him to Oswego. Beckman had a hard name and during the Bender horrors in 1873 he was charged with being implicated in several murders committed by this gang. On one occasion he was strung up several times, but would not confess and was finally liberated.

North Texas Conference.

Waxahatche, Texas, November 18.—Today the thirty-first annual session of the Northwest Texas conference opened for business in this city. The fact that the conference meets in Waxahatche calls to mind that it was here that the conference met on the 20th day of September 1890 for organization. There were in the conference then thirty-eight preachers; now there are something like 600. Bishop Marvin presided over the conference then, while now that good man, Bishop J. C. Keener of New Orleans, will hold the gavel.

Santa Fe Receivership.

Olathe, Kan., November 18.—In the Santa Fe receiver case in Judge Meyers' court yesterday afternoon Assistant General Attorney Goddard, for the railway company, raised the point that the district court had no right to convene at this time, the regular term having closed. The question immediately caused a warm discussion by the lawyers on both sides of the controversy. The fight on this point will doubtless be long drawn out.

Drayman Shot.

Temple, Texas, November 18.—Jim Gay, a white man, and E. M. Pettigrew, a colored drayman, engaged in a personal fight over the right of who had the order to unload a car of apples, when Pettigrew knocked Gay down. Gay went to his home, got a pistol and, meeting Pettigrew on the street driving his wagon loaded with barrels of apples, began firing on him. Three shots were fired, one of which took effect in the fleshy part of the hip. Pettigrew's team ran away, upsetting a buggy and creating general havoc on Main street.

Printers' Strike Threatened.

Kansas City, Mo., November 18.—A strike or lockout of all the union printers, pressmen, feeders and helpers in this city employed by firms who are members of the employing printers' organization, the Typothetae, is threatened. The trouble arises over the refusal of the Typographical union to call off its boycott recently declared against the Hudson-Kimberly Publishing company, a non-union house. An ultimatum has been issued by each side and each is preparing for a fight. Definite action will be taken at the next meeting.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Several days ago, Col. N. L. Walker, of Mexia, Limestone county, fell and broke for the third time a leg.

William Lyle, living in Houston, was shot in the leg a few days ago, making amputation necessary.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company has purchased the Waxahatche exchange, at Waxahatche, Ellis county.

Will Aites, colored, was arrested recently, charged with burning a school house seven miles north of Tyler, Smith county.

A. Steele, a trucker at the Katy depot in Denison, had the great toe of his right foot severely mashed the other day while on duty.

J. S. Gillman reported to the police station a few nights ago that he had been held up in the lower part of Fort Worth and relieved of \$21.

Mr. Frank Hamilton, well known in financial circles at Austin, and a resident of that city, died the other morning from an overdose of morphine.

Two prisoners confined in the county jail at Weatherford, Parker county, attempted to get away recently, but failed, and have been securely lodged again.

Will Mixon, colored, was shot the other evening at Denison by an unknown man, who fled and has not yet been arrested. Cause of the trouble unknown.

Ed Bryant, charged with killing Rip Bryan, a few days ago at Kosse, Limestone county, had an examining trial. He was refused bail, and was taken back to jail.

Davidson & Co., wholesale and retail liquor dealers at Galveston, made an assignment recently. Liabilities \$2,487; assets \$2,250. G. M. Bryan, Jr., was made assignee.

Mr. George Kruser, living near Ledbetter, Fayette county, while leading a wild yearling the other day, was thrown from his horse and his collar bone was broken.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. A. S. Hall, on Ruak avenue, Houston, by cutting the window blinds, the other night, and stole valuable diamonds and other jewelry.

A. Anthony was arrested in Hunt county several days ago and placed under a \$300 bond at Terrell, Kaufman county. He is charged with the theft of two bales of cotton.

The Brush & Gerts Piano company, of Chicago, having a capital stock of \$400,000, was a few days ago granted permission to do business in this state by the secretary of state.

Charles Bregna, living at Garrett, Ellis county, while handling a small revolver several mornings ago, accidentally discharged the weapon, the ball entering his right foot.

A brilliant meteor shot through the heavens a few nights ago directly over Kaufman, Kaufman county. A long string of light, more brilliant than the moon, followed in its wake.

Sheriff Bell, of Hill county, returned from Fayetteville, Ark., the other night with William Clayton, whom he arrested. Clayton is wanted in Hillsboro on several felony charges.

A burnt clay ballast company has purchased forty acres of land three miles south of Hillsboro, Hill county, and will manufacture ballast for the Katy to improve its roadbeds.

F. E. Redeker, a brakeman on the Fort Worth and Denver, was blown or fell from the top of a car near Henrietta, Clay county, a few days ago, and badly injured. He will recover.

The infant child of Levi Guthrie, a white farmer, living near Luling, Caldwell county, was badly injured in the head several days ago by being run into by a reaper. Recovery doubtful.

The college building at Orange, Orange county, burned a few evenings ago. It was the work of an incendiary. The building, furniture and library, valued for \$5000, insured for \$1500.

Lewis and Ben Hughes and Pink Hall, the three negroes who are charged with being accessory in the killing of J. T. Scott, manager of Fenn's plantation at Duke, Fort Bend county, a short time ago, has been jailed.

Work will begin in a few days on the brick freight depot of the Waco and Northwestern railway, which Receiver Abel received permission to build in East Waco. New sidetracks are under construction, which will greatly improve facilities.

John Hendricks, of Denver, Col., who was struck by a switching train near the depot at Palestine, Anderson county, the other night, and died from his injuries, was an ex-railroad man, and was in the city hunting work when the accident occurred.

W. L. Seagars, a machine agent, while out hunting a short time ago, three miles from San Angelo, Tom Green county, attempted to go through a wire fence with a target gun and it was discharged, the ball penetrating his stomach, from which he died.

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